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Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of Philadelphia's Urban Affairs Coalition (UAC), I am writing today to request that the FCC approve the proposed Comcast/Time Warner Cable transaction. I have been with the UAC for 15 years and currently serve as President and CEO.

During this period, I have watched Comcast grow from a local cable company into a global media provider. It has been an astonishing transformation. What has proved to be even more astonishing is Comcast's continued commitment to Philadelphia and to helping the nonprofit organizations that abound in our city.

The UAC can best be described as a helper organization - we provide back of the house services for nonprofit organizations so they are free to concentrate on their core missions. In 2013 our network of more than 55 partner organizations served more than 150,000 children, teens and adults. These services address the most important issues of our communities; we provide free tax services as well as programs addressing issues such as youth development, adult education, digital literacy, job training, small business development, anti-predatory lending, economic inclusion, HIV/AIDS prevention and other health-related issues.

To bridge the digital divide in Philadelphia, UAC managed the Freedom Rings Partnership, a \$25M multi-year citywide initiative, in partnership with the City of Philadelphia, Drexel University, and over 50 other community-based organizations. This effort connected low-income Philadelphians to the Internet by establishing "KEYSPOTS" throughout the city where residents could learn how to use a computer and browse the Internet. This has been an enormously successful effort, but we could never have succeeded to such an extent without Comcast's assistance.

Comcast installed Internet connections at many of the KEYSPOTS, lowering the cost of this very ambitious and expensive program.

Comcast's Digital Connectors program supported our KEYSPOTS effort by working with young people and teaching them how to repair computers, use them for business purposes. The Digital Connectors program includes leadership training and financial literacy classes, which are of great help to young people from financially distressed families.

Comcast's Internet Essentials program has also been a blessing to many of the families in our programs. Internet Essentials enables any family with one or more children in the National School Free Lunch program to obtain broadband service at home for just \$9.95 a month. About 9,000 Philadelphia families have signed up and we won't stop there.

Comcast is committed to corporate responsibility, in its hometown of Philadelphia and wherever else it sets up shop. I cannot commend the company enough. I hope you will approve the transaction between Comcast and Time Warner so that other areas with nonprofit agencies can benefit as we do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharmain Matlock-Turner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sharmain Matlock-Turner
President & CEO
Urban Affairs Coalition